GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:563
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SALE OF STATIONERY
RADHA MOHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have laid down any parameters to tackle the corruption on slaught on our economy and public life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the Government achieved success in curbing the ever rising corruption in Government public dealing offices and cooperative societies selling stationery and other items to the Government departments;

(d) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the order authorizing the cooperative societies to sell stationery and other items to Government offices and create a department of its own from within the existing infrastructure to sell the same to Government departments; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a),(b)&(c): The Government is fully alive to the need to remove corruption at all levels in the administration. Apart from the existing legislations like the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act under which the Central Bureau of Investigation derives powers, the Government have recently introduced in Parliament the Central Vigilance Commission Bill and the Lokpal Bill. Besides to look into the complaints of corruption, Chief Vigilance Officers function in various Departments/Organisations. Kendriya Bhandar and NCCF who have been authorized to sell stationery and other items to Government Departments etc. have their respective vigilance units headed by Chief Vigilance Officer. These units look into all the complaints about irregularities and corruption involving employees and take action after carrying out necessary investigation/enquiries wherever considered necessary.

(d)&(e): The Government is reviewing the instructions regarding purchase of stationery and other items by Ministries/Departments etc. from Kendriya Bhandar/Super Bazar/NCCF in consultation with concerned Ministries including Ministry of Finance and Ministry o Consumer Affairs.

No proposal to create a Department is under the consideration of the Government at present.